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AS WELL IN ANY EVENT, THESE RELEASES REFLECT SUS-  
TAINED PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE GALTIERI  
ADMINISTRATION, WHICH, REGARDLESS OF WHAT ELSE WE  
MAY SAY ABOUT THIS GOVERNMENT, IS TO BE WELCOMED  
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E.O. 12065: GDS 6/8/88 (MEANA, J.F.) OR-P  
TAGS: SHUM, FA, AR  
SUBJECT: GOA FREES 244 P.E.N. PRISONERS

1. (U) INTERIOR MINISTER GENERAL ALFREDO SAINT JEAN ANNOUNCED  
MORNING OF JUNE 8 THAT GOA HAS PAROLED 116 PEN PRISONERS AND  
WILL RELEASE 128 MORE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT OF POPE  
JOHN PAUL II. HE DID NOT INDICATE IN WHAT TIME PERIOD THE  
116 WERE PUT ON PAROLE NOR WHEN THE 128 WILL BE RELEASED.  
HE ADDED THAT THE NUMBER OF RELEASES MAY INCREASE SLIGHTLY  
OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. (U) ST. JEAN SAID THAT SINCE 1974, 8737 PERSONS HAVE BEEN  
DETAINED UNDER PEN AUTHORITY, OF WHOM 6912 HAVE BEEN RELEASED  
ENTIRELY. THE REMAINDER, ACCORDING TO ST. JEAN, ARE IN THE  
FOLLOWING STATUS:

A. PAROLE (LIBERTAD VIGILADA): 218  
B. RIGHT OF OPTION GRANTED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY: 891  
C. EXPELLED (FOREIGNERS): 239  
D. UNDER HOUSE ARREST: 2  
E. REMAINING UNDER DETENTION: 475

IN CATEGORY E 262 HAVE NOT BEEN TRIED OR SENTENCED AND  
213 ARE IN TRIAL STATUS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED AND  
ARE UNDER APPEAL OR HAVE RECEIVED FINAL SENTENCING.

3. (U) IN HIS EXPLANATION OF THE RELEASES, ST. JEAN  
SAID THAT THE VISIT OF THE HOLY FATHER AND THE OTHER  
EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME  
HAVE CREATED A PROPITIOUS CLIMATE FOR ACCELERATING  
THE PROCESS OF RELEASES.

4. (U) COMMENT: AT THIS TIME OF CRISIS AND INTER-  
NATIONAL ISOLATION, THE GOA WANTS TO MAKE THE MOST  
FAVORABLE IMPRESSION POSSIBLE ON THE POPE AND WORLD  
OPINION. IT REALIZES ITS HUMAN RIGHTS REPUTATION  
IS A LINGERING NEGATIVE FACTOR. ALTHOUGH THE POPE  
IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED ONLY IN ARGENTINA'S DISPUTE WITH  
CHILE, THE GOA, IT APPEARS FROM A NUMBER OF COMMENTS  
BEING MADE HERE, IS HOPING THAT THE POPE CAN USE HIS  
INFLUENCE TO HELP RESOLVE THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT

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